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Pinkberry Co-Founder Convicted of Brutally Beating Transient

The co-founder of the Pinkberry yogurt chain was found guilty today of brutally beating a transient with a tire iron two years ago, the District Attorney's office announced.

A Los Angeles Superior Court jury deliberated a little more than a day before finding Young Lee, 49, guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. The jury of six women and six men also found true the special allegation that the assault caused great bodily injury to the victim, who sustained a broken left forearm and several cuts to his head during the June 15, 2011, attack.

Deputy District Attorney Bobby Zoumberakis prosecuted the case.

The victim was panhandling on the Vermont Avenue off-ramp near the Hollywood Freeway when Lee accused the man of disrespecting him by flashing a sexually explicit tattoo. Lee returned a short time later and chased and beat the victim before several Good Samaritans intervened.

LAPD officers investigated the incident.

Lee faces up to seven years in state prison when he returns to court Jan. 14, 2014, for sentencing before Superior Court Judge Henry Hall.

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